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Response to Office Action

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed August 12, 2002. This correspondence and response are timely; an extension is required and hereby is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that this paper fully responds to all issues raised in the Office Action. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173).

Amendment

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. (Amended) A weld comprising a plurality of passes, which passes comprise a second order pass and at least one higher order pass; wherein a plurality of said passes generally increase in nickel purity as the order number increases; and wherein further the last of which passes to increase in nickel purity has an average of four or fewer tension anomalies visible to a naked eye per square inch.

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